

**FOOTHILL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND FOOTHILL EMPLOYMENT  
TRAINING CONSORTIUM POLICY BOARD  
JOINT MEETING**

**MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2025 FWDB AND FETC POLICY BOARD JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

**INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**

The Foothill Workforce Development Chair Tom Selinske welcomed everyone and mentioned that FETC Policy Board Chair Council Member Hampton would not be able to attend the Meeting. Staff member Raymond conducted a roll call and quorum was established at 9:05 A.M.

**Present – FETC Policy Board Members**

Michael Cao, Mayor, City of Arcadia  
Cesar A. Garcia, Mayor, City of Duarte  
Kristine Lowe, Mayor, City of Sierra Madre  
Jon Primuth, Council Member, City of South Pasadena

**Absent – FETC Policy Board Members**

Tyron Hampton, FETC Chair, City Councilmember, City of Pasadena

**Present - FWDB**

Tom Selinske, Chair, Owner, Selinske and Associates Consulting  
Laurie Wheeler, Vice Chair, President/CEO, South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce  
Adriana Rios, Program Manager, Los Angeles/Coastal, EDD-Workforce Services  
Flint Fertig, Director of Adult Education, Monrovia Unified School District  
Gene Hurd, President, UAW Local 509  
Keshia Darden, Owner, Simply Divine – Keshia Darden  
K-Rahn Vallatine, CEO, Inner Sun Consulting  
Rachelle Arizmendi, President, Arizmendi Consulting Group  
Zachary Solomon, Business Representative, IBEW Local 11  
Soyinka Allen, Program Director, Hospital Association of Southern California  
John Frala, Owner, Clean Fuel Education – 9:25 AM  
Vicki Brannock, Senior Director, Workforce Strategy and Innovation Biocom

**Absent - FWDB**

Dan J. Lien, DJL Professional Services  
Salvatrice Cummo, Executive Director – Economic & Workforce Dev., Pasadena City College  
Emilia Rojas, Staff Services Manager, California Department of Rehabilitation  
Noel Tony De Trinidad, Business Representative, Painters & Allied Trades DC 36  
Hector Delgado, Vice President, Teamsters Local 986  
Amy Foell, Workforce Development Consultant, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

**FWDB Staff Present**

Dianne Russell-Carter – FWDB Executive Director, Michael Trogan – Deputy Director, David Klug – Economic Development Director, David Eder, Sarah Mendoza, Raymond Delgado, Paul Enge, Mario Real, Kevin McClure, Beatriz Sarabia

**Guest Present**

Phillip Dunn, Racy Ming, David Baquerizo, Anthony Angulo, Jan Vogel, Jaime Gutierrez, Denise McKnight

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF FWDB FEBRUARY 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, FWDB Meeting were approved.

Motion: Rachele Arizmendi   Seconded: Zachary Solomon

Roll call vote: Ayes- 4 (Selinske, Wheeler, Rios, Fertig, Hurd, Darden, Vallatine, Arizmendi, Solomon, Allen, Frala, Brannock)

Nays – 0

**APPROVAL OF FETC POLICY BOARD FEBRUARY 20, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, FETC Policy Board Meeting were approved.

Motion: Chris Lowe   Seconded: Michael Cao

Roll call vote: Ayes- 4 (Cao, Garcia, Lowe, Primuth)

Nays – 0; Absent- 1 (Hampton)

**APPROVAL OF FETC POLICY BOARD FEBRUARY 20, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, FETC Policy Board Special Meeting were approved.

Motion: Chris Lowe   Seconded: Michael Cao

Roll call vote: Ayes- 4 (Cao, Garcia, Lowe, Primuth)

Nays – 0; Absent- 1 (Hampton)

**ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF FWDB MEMBERSHIP RENOMINATIONS TO FILL FWDB POSITIONS EXPIRING AUGUST 31, 2025**

Chair Selinske introduced the agenda item and invited staff member David Eder to present key highlights.

David Eder provided an overview of the Board membership roster, noting that member terms are staggered, with approximately half of the seats requiring renewal every other year. He then presented the list of members whose terms are up for renomination:

Business Category:

**Soyinka Allen**, Program Director, Hospital Assoc. Of So. Cal.

**Rachelle Arizmendi**, Government Industry Advisor/Bus. Dev. Exec., Avenu Insight & Analytics

**K-Rahn Vallatine**, Training Consultant & Curriculum Developer, Inner Sun Consulting

Labor Category:

**Noel (Tony) De Trinidad**, Business Representative, Painters & Allied Trades, DC 36

**Hector Delgado**, Business Agent/Political Coordinator, Teamsters Local 986

**Gene Hurd**, President, United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 509

Education Category:

**Salvatrice Cummo**, Executive Director, Economic & Workforce Development, Pasadena City College

**Flint Fertig**, Director of Adult Education, Monrovia Unified School District

Economic and Community Development Category:

**Emilia Rojas, M.S.**, Staff Services Manager, California Department of Rehabilitation

**Alexis Carter**, Deputy Division Chief, Los Angeles/Coastal, Employment Development Department – Workforce Services

FWDB Chair Selinske thanked David Eder for the information. David Eder explained that the action being proposed for the Foothill Workforce Development Board is to recommend these renominations for approval by the FETC Policy Board.

David Eder further noted that if the proposed candidates are approved, two vacancies would remain. One is intended for a candidate recommended by the City of Duarte, and the other for a representative from SoCalGas.

**VII. A. FWDB MOTION OF APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO RENOMINATE EXPIRING MEMBERSHIPS FOR NEW TWO YEAR TERMS BY THE FWDB**

Motion: Gene Hurd   Seconded: Keshia Darden

Roll call vote: Ayes- 4 (Selinske, Wheeler, Rios, Fertig, Hurd, Darden, Vallatine, Arizmendi, Solomon, Allen, Frala, Brannock)

Nays – 0

**VIII. CONSIDERATION BY RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO NOMINATE NEW FWDB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE BUSINESS CATEGORY**

FWDB Chair Selinske introduced the item and referred to the information included in the meeting packet, noting that Mr. Angulo's application was available for review. Chair Selinske then invited Anthony Angulo to share any comments.

Anthony Angulo stated that he is a small business owner who teaches karate in the City of Duarte. He is a former member of the United States Marine Corps, a former corrections

officer, and has also worked in the Trades. Mr. Angulo acknowledged the challenges of entering the Trades and expressed his interest in supporting the Board's efforts in any way he can.

**VIII. A. FWDB MOTION OF APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FETC POLICY BOARD TO APPOINT ANTHONY ANGULO TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE BUSINESS CATEGORY OF THE FWDB**

Motion: Gene Hurd Seconded: Vicki Brannock

Roll call vote: Ayes- 4 (Selinske, Wheeler, Rios, Fertig, Hurd, Darden, Vallatine, Arizmendi, Solomon, Allen, Frala, Brannock)

Nays – 0

**ITEM IX. RECOMMENDATION OF FWDB MEMBERSHIP RENOMINATIONS TO FILL FWDB POSITIONS EXPIRING AUGUST 31, 2025**

FWDB Chair Selinske introduced the item and explained that the FWDB Full Board would like to submit a request for the renomination of the expiring members.

**IX. A. FETC MOTION OF APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP RENOMINATIONS TO FILL FWDB POSITIONS EXPIRING AUGUST 31, 2025**

Motion: Jon Primuth Seconded: Chris Lowe

Roll call vote: Ayes- 4 (Cao, Garcia, Lowe, Primuth)

Nays – 0; Absent- 1 (Hampton)

**X. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FWDB TO NOMINATE A NEW FWDB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE BUSINESS CATEGORY**

FWDB Chair Selinske introduced the item and explained that the FWDB Full Board would like to request approval of Anthony Angulo's application to fill a vacancy in the business category.

**X. A. FETC MOTION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY ANGULO'S APPLICATION TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE BUSINESS CATEGORY OF THE FWDB**

Motion: Michael Cao Seconded: Jon Primuth

Roll call vote: Ayes- 4 (Cao, Garcia, Lowe, Primuth)

Nays – 0; Absent- 1 (Hampton)

**XI. PRESENTATION OF THE FWDB LOCAL PLAN 2025-2028 – RACY MING RACY MING ASSOCIATES LLC**

FWDB Chair Selinske introduced the item and referred to Racy Ming for her presentation.

Racy Ming introduced herself and explained that she provides workforce consulting services throughout the state. She then presented her PowerPoint slides. Following the presentation, no questions were raised.

FWDB Chair Selinske commented that he would like to explore what local communities are already doing in areas such as digital equity, identify existing gaps, and assess whether the Workforce Boards can help address those gaps.

**XII. PRESENTATION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES – JAN VOGEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

FWDB Chair Selinske introduced the item and referred to Jan Vogel for his presentation.

Jan Vogel introduced himself and reviewed a handout outlining the history of workforce development. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Vogel emphasized the importance of Local Workforce Boards, noting that local control allows for more effective targeting of services that meet the specific needs of local communities.

**XIII. RETIREMENT COMMENTS – DIANNE RUSSELL-CARTER, FWDB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

FWDB Chair Selinske introduced the item and referred to Executive Director Dianne Russell-Carter.

Executive Director Dianne Russell-Carter expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve, highlighting her appreciation for the city, the organization, and her experience. She provided an overview of how she came to be the Executive Director for the Foothill Workforce Development Board.

Executive Director Russell-Carter thanked her staff and introduced them:

Sarah Mendoza – Youth Coordinator  
Paul Enge – Project Manager  
Raymond Delgado – Senior Admin Specialist  
Mario Real – MIS Administrator  
Kevin McClure – Career Services Case Manager  
Beatriz Sarabia – Career Services Case Manager  
Michael Trogan – Deputy Director  
David Eder – Analyst

Executive Director Dianne Russell-Carter highlighted a moment from two years ago at a youth conference. She explained how FWDB was chosen to conduct a plenary session where former youth participants shared how the Foothill Workforce Development Board had shaped their lives. She noted that most of them are now business owners and homeowners.

FWDB Chair Selinske thanked her again for her years of service and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

The meeting was adjourned at 10: 07 AM.